

# Spring Mill State Park

**All programs are free unless otherwise noted.**

**Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs:** [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov/programs)

**Nature Center**  
*Open Daily 10am-5pm*

**Virgil I. Grissom Memorial**  
*Open Daily 8:30am-4pm*

## Pioneer Village & Twin Caves

*Closed for the Season*

Watch for the  
roving naturalist!



Look for our  
hikes and strolls!



**Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.**  
*Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.*

## Public programs are designed for individuals and families.

If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group (prices vary). (812) 849-4129

**Get advance notice of special events and programs!**

Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email [springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## HP-HP *Healthy Parks – Healthy People*

Get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.

## 2008 Special Event List for Spring Mill State Park

*Now Available by Request at the Nature Center*

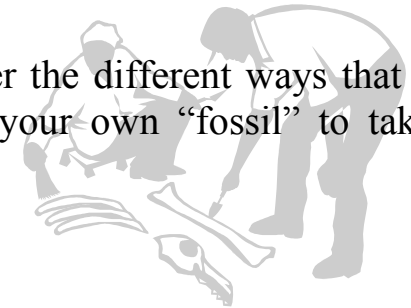
## March 2008

## Saturday, March 1

**2:00pm Forest Builder** – Learn about the different components of a forest as you create your own diorama. Nature Center, Program Room (45 min).

## Sunday, March 2

**1-2pm Fossilize This!** – Drop by to discover the different ways that animals and plants become fossilized and make your own “fossil” to take with you. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.



## Saturday, March 8

**10:30am** **Lost Cemetery Hike** – Help us search out what remains of Dalton’s Cemetery, a little known cemetery in Spring Mill State Park that sits on a ridge above the Pioneer Village. Meet in front of the Weaver’s Cabin in the Pioneer Village (30-45min).



**3:30pm Flower Power** – Spring flowers are already starting to bloom! Celebrate our early wildflowers by creating a finger-paint picture (good craft for younger kids). Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

## Sunday, March 9

**2:00pm Nature's Babies** – Some of the cutest animals in the forest will start peeking their heads out soon... discover which animals are among the first babies of spring (including pictures that are guaranteed to generate some “ohhhs” and “ahhhs!”). Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

## Thursday, March 13

**11:00am Bluebird Box Workshop** – It's the beginning of breeding season for the eastern bluebird! Celebrate the return of these beautiful little birds (and spring!) by building and decorating a bluebird nest box to erect in your yard (or gift to a friend). Spring Mill Inn, Oak Room (3 hr).



*Cost is \$18/person and includes a buffet lunch in the Millstone Dining Room.* Workshop is limited to 15 people.

*Pre-registration is required to the Spring Mill Inn (812-849-4081) by no later than Sunday, March 9.*

## Saturday, March 15

**11:00am You Otter Know!** – Otters swim in the waters of the White River, just downstream from Spring Mill State Park. Learn about their lives and how the DNR has helped bring them back from the brink. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

**3-4pm Avian “Artifacts”** – Check out the Nature Center's collection of bird eggs, nests, and feathers and learn what laws govern their collection. Nature Center, Upper Floor.



## Sunday, March 16

**2-3pm All About Eggs** – Drop by and design your own colorful egg while learning how these fragile objects protect a growing bird. Nature Center, Upper Floor.



## Saturday, March 22

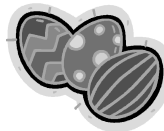
**3:30pm Stories in the Rock** – Join us for a short hike to examine limestone outcroppings as we discover what stories these rocks can tell us about life in southern Indiana a long time ago. We'll finish up inside by making a piece of jewelry – a limestone pendant – that you can wear as a reminder of our rock's history. Meet on the top level of the Nature Center (45 min).



## Sunday, March 23

**12-1:30pm Meet the Easter Bunny!** - The Easter Bunny will be at the Spring Mill Inn to greet kids and pose for pictures. Spring Mill Inn, Lobby.

**2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt** – Join the search for goody-filled eggs scattered in the grass! Four different areas will be roped off, each for a different age group of kids (4yr and under, 5-7yr, 8-10yr, and 11-12yr). Make sure you arrive on time; the hunt is over almost as soon as it begins! Sycamore Field.



**3:00pm Signs of Spring** – In celebration of the first day of spring (just 3 days ago!), we'll take a short walk along the lake edge and look for signs that warmer weather is on the way. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center (20 min).



## Thursday, March 27

**10:30am Raffia Basket Workshop** – During this workshop, you'll create two small baskets or one large basket out of a material known as raffia. Your basket(s), which can be made with either natural-colored or dyed raffia and decorated with a stitched raffia design, will become a beautiful decorative object for your house (or a gift for someone special). Spring Mill Inn, Oak Room (3½ hr).



*Limited to 15 people; cost is \$20/person and includes a buffet lunch in the Millstone Dining Room.*

*Pre-registration is required by Sunday, March 23; call the Spring Mill Inn (812-849-4081) to register.*



## Saturday, March 29

**1:30pm Crafts from the “Trash”** – Make a craft out of recyclable/reusable materials and learn how recycling benefits the environment. Nature Center, Program Room (30-45 min).

## Sunday, March 30

**1:30pm Wake Up, Snakes!** – As the weather warms, snakes begin to emerge from hibernation. Learn what snakes you might see this spring while meeting a few of our resident snakes in person. Nature Center, Program Room (30 min).

## Upcoming Special Events!

April 19  
**Full Moon Hike**

April 26-27  
**Antique Tractor and Farm Implements Show**

April 26  
**Invasive Species Volunteer Strike Force**

April 27  
**Heirloom Plant and Seed Exchange**

May 10  
**StoneBelt Stargazers' Spring Star Party**

May 24-26  
**Civil War Weekend**

May 31  
**Pioneer Village Living History Stroll**